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Dear Reed Hundt,

Thank-you for your call for letters from parents concerned about improving children's television. I am a mother of four children, ages 6, 8, 10 and 12. I am also a very active member of PTA and agree with their recommendation to add the following language to the rules of the act:

1. Require the following for "educational Programming":
 - * programming that has education as a "significant purpose"
 - * programs that air between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.
 - * programs that are regularly scheduled and of substantial length (at least 15 minutes)
 - * written statements provided by stations on the educational objectives and the child audience targeted by the programming
2. Require stations to identify educational children's programming when it airs to help parents choose these shows.
3. Mandate that stations air a minimum of three hours per week of educational shows for children. This requirement will rise to five hours per week over a period of several years.

Please adapt these recommendations to help improve the quality of children's TV programming. I do not need to tell you what children are exposed to while watching shows designed for a youthful audience. They present a distorted reality of the world, where most issues revolve around sex or violence. There are a few shows out there that attract the youth with flash and charm while educating them. An example is Bill Nye The Science Guy, and many of the PBS shows. By encouraging the major networks to develop more of these shows, and by alerting parents to when they broadcast, we can greatly improve the quality of American Television. Thank-you for giving me the opportunity to express my concern.

Sincerely,


Anne Neilson

Kim Matthews

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From: Randi Holland and Dave Camp
Academy for Family TV
2500 NE 65th Av.
Vancouver, Wa. 98661

To: All Who Are Concerned About Violence and Sex on TV

September 15, 1995

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"To hell with kids - that must be the motto of the new fall TV season....As a Wall Street Journal news story put it in a recent headline. "It's 8 p.m. Your Kids Are Watching Sex on TV." ...Vulgarity rules in prime time...Say goodbye to the "family hour". (US News, 9/11/95). If that makes you worry... if it makes you angry... please read on.

Through October 16, 1995, the FCC is asking for public comment on how broadcasters can best fulfill the Children's Television Act. (See US News and World Report, Sept. 11, 1995, pp.62-70.) This is a rare opportunity to make our views heard to those who have the power to cause change.

Talking among ourselves is a waste of energy and worry: make your voice heard, and encourage others to do the same. Please distribute copies of this letter (or your own version), and gather as many signatures as you are able to before OCTOBER 10. Send the letters and signatures to:

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
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Washington, DC 20554

Or send E-mail to: kldstv@fcc.gov

Indicate MM Docket 93-48 at the top of the first page.

Try methods like a pyramid scheme: get signatures from whole groups (church, Rotary, schools, sports groups, PEO, Elks, business groups, Bar and medical associations, etc.), and ask signers to get more signatures. Consider your local newspapers, radio stations, and TV media. The FCC should be flooded with letters from all over the nation. All letters and E-mail must be received by the FCC by Oct. 16, 1995. There is no time to waste! No one can be expected to respond to our concerns if we do not voice them to those who can address them. Act quickly and efficiently - go to groups if it's faster than going door to door.

THANK YOU for acting upon your convictions.

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September 14, 1995

The FCC's request for public comment shows an understanding of the worry Americans feel about a genuinely life-threatening cancer in American society - violence in the media.

Is there another issue you can name that has captured the attention of so many citizens? Is there another crisis short of war that could have driven so many groups to take a stand? Scan this partial list of national organizations that have publicly stated their support for a reduction in violence and vulgarity on TV:

- The American Medical Association
- The American Medical Alliance
- The American Academy of Pediatrics
- The American Psychological Association
- The American Psychiatric Association
- The Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists
- The American Nurses Association
- The American Academy of Nursing
- The National PTA
- The National School Boards Association
- The American Association for School Administrators
- The National Sheriffs Association
- The National Child Care Association
- The National Association of Social Workers
- The National Council of Churches
- The National Assoc. for Family and Community Education
- The American Family Association
- The Foundation to Improve TV
- Alliance Against Violence in Entertainment for Children
- Canada's Association for Media Literacy
- Pope John Paul II

There is an infinitely longer list of outraged state and local agencies.

If this were a false alarm - if there were serious doubt that the media's violence and prurience are nurturing a frighteningly violent society - then perhaps the FCC and the media could delay action in good conscience. But study

after study, criminal investigation after criminal investigation, and murder after senseless murder confirms for all of us that we are on a very dangerous path. Murders and beatings are daily fare; and often the cause is a violent reaction to mundane problem.

Are media executives and shareholders willing to live in suburbs like those in South Africa, surrounded by high walls topped with concertina wire, in order to make the extra dollars that violent shows generate? Are they and we willing to see our political and social systems fall, because our citizenry believes more in violent responses than in our political and judicial systems?

It is said that there is even honor among thieves. Surely there is enough honor in the media industry to form agreements to promote the nation's welfare and refrain from encouraging basic violent instincts.

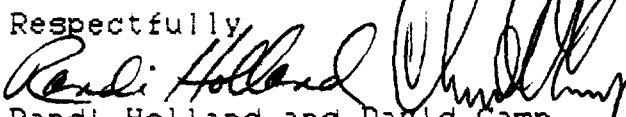
We are writing on behalf of the Academy for Family TV and the countless citizens who share our deep concern. We are a civilized, moderate community of legislators, professionals in medicine and law, educators and businessmen, parents, and proactive citizens. There is not a fanatic among us. Yet we are angry... having to control the impulses that TV, movies, and rap would encourage us to unleash.

It is past time to strengthen the Children's Television Act. It is past the time when defining a given percentage of the television day as children's time is enough. TV is profoundly affecting the thoughts and habits not only of small children, but of adolescents, young adults, and mature adults - all of whom show increasing hostility, bitterness, lack of faith in the nation, and violence toward humanity. Even those of us who abhor unnecessary intrusion by the federal government have reached the end of our patience.

The FCC must obtain a commitment by the TV industry to greatly reduce the violence, vulgarity, and prurience being broadcast, and hold all stations to it; or the FCC must introduce legislation to force the issue.

The future of our children- indeed the future of our nation- depends upon it.

Respectfully,


Randi Holland and David Camp
Academy for Family Television
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Vancouver, Wa. 98661

By signing this letter of petition, I express my profound concern over the effects of television violence, sex, and vulgarity. I ask the FCC to take a very strong stand in turning back the tide of destructive influences that are flooding American homes and minds.

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Dear FCC:

I am writing because I have heard that there are laws already in place that regulate our radio and television programs.

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THESE LAWS ENFORCED. I have 5 children ranging in ages 8-21. It is quite disappointing to see the changes in the family programs over the last few years. I've just about given up on watching TV with my family because all the programs either put down families or parents or have so many sexual scenes they're not worth watching. In a time when parents need to instill good moral values in their children, our television shows promote NO moral values at all - anything goes so to speak - but not in my house.

Let's enforce these laws to build a better world that won't think it's alright to lie, cheat, steal, kill, destroy one another or be sexually promiscuous or disrespectful to parents or one another. THE FCC CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Sincerely,

Gerald Dupree

Mrs. Gerald Dupree

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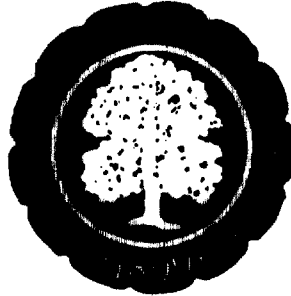
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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chair
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Dear Chairman Hunt:

This letter is to encourage you and the Federal Communications Commission to strengthen the Children's Television Act. As a parent and an active PTA volunteer I see the quality of television sinking to new levels. While I believe that parents should share the responsibility of what their children watch, we cannot do the job ourselves.

I would like to see:

- * a standard of at least one hour per day of specifically-designed educational and informational programming on all TV stations
- * a redefinition of "educational and information" programming
- * excluding programs aired before 6:00am or after 10:00pm from counting towards the core requirement of children's programming.

Interestingly, the Pennsylvania PTA recently trained every state board member with the Critical TV Viewing Project. We are pro-actively training parents on how to address the issue of violence and television in their homes. The reactions are always unanimous, parents want more educational and good informational programming for children. It's time we look deeper into this country's future, the television industry is not taking enough responsibility with regard to children, they just continue to pour the violence into our living rooms. The PTA has had a long standing support of better TV, would you consider doing the same?

Sincerely,

Carol S. Ritter
Region 1 Vice President

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Dear FCC Commissioner

Andrew Barrett,

Please know of my and our organizations concern for the quality of Television for our youth. As parents and grandparents you must have this as a ^{priority} also.

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There must be at least 1 hour per day of informational and educational programming on all TV stations. If they're at staggered times children could actually have choices or watch several.

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This programming definition must be refined so that these shows are truly learning experiences of value.

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These must be regularly scheduled so they become a habit and are anticipated.

Programming before 7 AM and after 10 PM can not count toward "core" requirements. It must be made readily available during childrens waking hours.

Television influences our youth to a very great extent as we can see in increased violence and immorality. Surely you want to be leaders in setting high standards and values. Your efforts will make a great difference in our nations future.

Trusting in your good judgment for quality programming decisions.

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Thank You,

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Study after study, criminal investigation after criminal investigation, and murder after senseless murder, confirms for all of us that we are on a very dangerous path.

I am writing on behalf of myself and several concerned friends. It is past time to strengthen the Children's TV Act. It is past time when defining a given percentage of the TV day as PG time is enough.

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Are we willing to see our political and social systems fail because our citizenry believes more in violent responses than in our political and judicial systems?

THE FCC MUST OBTAIN A COMMITMENT BY THE TV INDUSTRY TO GREATLY REDUCE THE VIOLENCE, VULGARITY, AND PURLENCE BEING BROADCAST, AND HOLD ALL STATIONS TO IT. AND THE FCC SHOULD ALSO RECOMMEND LEGISLATION TO RESOLVE THIS VITAL ISSUE.

Respectfully,

William J. Smith

William J. Smith, spokesman for
a group of friends and concerned
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

As a parent and PTA member, I am writing to urge you to vote on October 16th to require all TV stations to produce at least one hour of educational and informational programming per day, or at least seven hours per week.

The Children's Television Act (CTA) requires broadcasters to serve the educational and informational needs of children as a condition for license renewal. The FCC rules must ensure compliance with the CTA by writing clear and specific guidelines in this area. The PTA supports the following guidelines:

- A. Set a standard of at least one hour per day of specifically-designed educational and informational programming on all TV stations;
- B. Redefine the FCC definition of "educational and informational" programming in order to close the regulatory loophole which permits stations to cite programming such as "The Simpsons" and the "Flintstones" on their license renewal applications;
- C. Count only standard length, regularly-scheduled educational programs as meeting a station's "core" programming obligations under the Act;
- D. Exclude programs aired before 6:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m. from counting toward the core requirement of children's programming.

Quality children's programs in my community which meet these guidelines include Sesame Street, Reading Rainbow, NOVA, and Mr. Rodger's Neighborhood. Cartoons, sit-coms, and public service announcements do not meet these guidelines. As a parent and a PTA member, I would like to see more good quality programming for children. I would like to see all cartoons and shows depicting violence restricted from the airwaves during the times that children watch TV.

Voluntary steps toward improving children's television simply have not worked. Now is the time for the FCC to take action. No more stalling strategies by the industry. The time is right for the FCC to vote for children.

Sincerely,

Paula Helms

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We the undersigned strongly support Peggy Charren and moral TV programming for our children and adults as well. We urge you to vote yes to the 3 hours a week prime time programming that meets childrens educational needs.

Please consider this when reviewing the Children's Television Act. Thank you.

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Try methods like a pyramid scheme: get signatures from whole groups (church, Rotary, schools, sports groups, PEO, Elks, business groups, Bar and medical associations, etc.), and ask signers to get more signatures. Consider your local newspapers, radio stations, and TV media. The FCC should be flooded with letters from all over the nation. All letters and E-mail must be received by the FCC by Oct. 16, 1995. There is no time to waste! No one can be expected to respond to our concerns if we do not voice them to those who can address them. Act quickly and efficiently - go to groups if it's faster than going door to door.

THANK YOU for acting upon your convictions.

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